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Kazakhstan Reaction to H1N1 Flu

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Report Highlights:

Kazakhstan has banned pork product imports from several countries, including three U.S. states.

General Information:

In reaction to the H1N1 Flu detection in the United States, on April 27, 2009 the Government of Kazakhstan announced its decision to ban certain meat product imports from Texas, California and Kansas.

An unofficial translation of the government decree is given below:

To: Heads of territorial inspections of oblasts, Astana, Almaty
Heads of regional inspections of veterinary control on borders and transport

Decree No. 18-2-1-9/3038 DATED April 27, 2009

On swine flu prevention

Due to swine flu H1N1 outbreak in the territory of Mexico and USA and with the purpose to prevent such disease spread on the territory of Republic of Kazakhstan:

1. The following restrictions are introduced:
 - For the entrance and transit of meat, raw meat materials and its processed products without thermal treatment from any animals, shipped after April 28, 2009 from Mexico and U.S. states of Texas, California, and Kansas to the territory of Republic of Kazakhstan
 - For the entrance of meat and meat products from any animals coming from Mexico and the U.S. states of Texas, California, and Kansas, including products which have been heat treated, entering via hand-luggage and on-board meals of sea-crafts and aircrafts, into the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
 - For the entrance of pork and its processed products with thermal treatment and shipped after April 28, 2009 from Guatemala, Honduras, Dominique Republic, Colombia, Costa-Rica, Cuba, Nicaragua, Panama, Salvador, as well as the U.S. states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, New-Mexico, Oklahoma and Florida.
2. The present Decree is subject to foreign trade members and all structures of Committee notification.
3. Deputy Chairman of Committee for State Inspection in Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture Mr. Sultanov A.A. is in charge of the present Decree enforcement.

Basis: mass-media news.

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